

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5           The present invention provides a method, apparatus,  
computer program product, and service which enables a UDDI  
registry to provide support for external matching services.  
Using tModels a service provider specifies its capabilities  
10       in a language, such as DAML-S, and a service requester  
specifies service requirements in the same or a similar  
language. As a result when a service requester contacts the  
registry to obtain details of service which matches the  
service requirements, the registry uses an external  
15       matching engine capable of comparing the capabilities and  
requirements in order to find suitable matching services.